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SUBJ: NEW DISTURBANCES REPORTED IN RURAL AREAS

1. MEDIA AFTERNOON APRIL 3 AND MORNING APRIL 4 CARRY SKETCHY
REPORTS OF SERIOUS INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE IN RURAL AREAS OF
DEPARTMENT OF CUSCATLAN. CENTER OF ACTIVITY REPORTEDLY NEAR
VILLAGES OF COJUTEPEQUE AND MONTE SAN JUAN WHICH ARE 15 TO
20 MILES SOUTH OF SAN PEDRO PERULAPAN, SITE OF HOLY WEEK
CONFRONTATION (SEE SAN SALVADOR 1446).

2. BRIEF OFFICIAL BULLETIN STATES THAT NUMEROUS CAMPESINO
FAMILIES HAVE ABANDONED THEIR HOMES IN AREA AND HAVE SOUGHT
REFUGE IN COJUTEPEQUE IN FACE OF ATTACKS BY "RELIGIOUS
ORGANIZATIONS" OF FECCAS, UTC AND BPR. GOES SECURITY
FORCES INFORMATION STATES UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF DEAD
AND WOUNDED IN AREA AND DRAWS COMPARISON TO PREVIOUS
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INCIDENT IN SAN PEDRO PERULAPAN. STATEMENT CONTINUES
THAT SEVERAL VILLAGES IN AREA UNDER CONTROL OF
"SUBVERSIVE" ELEMENTS BUT THAT SECURITY FORCES HAVE
BEEN MOBILIZED TO ENSURE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER
INCIDENTS. "DIARIO DE HOY" CITED FOUR OR FIVE KILLED
AND NUMEROUS WOUNDED.

3. COMMENT: CONTRARY TO SAN PEDRO PERULAPAN, VERY
LITTLE MEDIA COVERAGE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO COJUTEPEQUE
INCIDENT THUS FAR. FROM VERY LIMITED GOES ANNOUNCEMENTS,
PRESENT CONFLICT APPEARS TO BE IDENTICAL TO SAN PEDRO
PERULAPAN OCCURRENCE WITH ONLY DIFFERENCE BEING APPARENT
INTENTION OF SECURITY FORCES TO MOVE IN IMMEDIATELY
TO RESTORE ORDER. UNDOUBTEDLY THERE WILL BE OPPOSING
FECCAS/UTC/BPR VERSION OF INCIDENT FORTHCOMING SHORTLY.
THIS INCIDENT CAN ONLY ADD TO INCREASING TENSION AND
UNREST IN RURAL AREAS AND FURTHER DETERIORATION OF
CHURCH-STATE RELATIONSHIPS.
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